

**572.32 Attorney fees — remedies.**

1. In a court action to enforce a mechanic's lien, if the plaintiff furnished labor or materials directly to the defendant, a prevailing plaintiff may be awarded reasonable attorney fees.

2. In a court action to challenge a mechanic's lien filed on an owner-occupied dwelling, if the person challenging the lien prevails, the court may award reasonable attorney fees and actual damages. If the court determines that the mechanic's lien was filed in bad faith or the supporting affidavit was materially false, the court shall award the owner reasonable attorney fees plus an amount not less than five hundred dollars or the amount of the lien, whichever is less.

83 Acts, ch 106, §1; 99 Acts, ch 79, §4